

**REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1, 3, 20-22, 25, 27-36 and 42-45 remain pending in this application. Claims 2, 4-8, 23, 26, 37-41 and 46 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new claims have been added.

**Interview**

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for conducting an interview with the undersigned on January 21, 2010. During the interview, the claimed invention was explained to the Examiner. The Examiner considered that some of the language in the claim 1 could be further clarified, but it is believed that the Examiner's understanding of the claimed invention has been improved as a result of the interview.

In particular, it was pointed out to the Examiner that the recitation of "a creating unit which creates translation information including a correspondence relationship between the Layer 3 address of the first addressing system and the Layer 3 address of the second addressing system for translating a Layer 3 address contained in a region of the communication data higher than the Layer 3 region, when the detecting unit detects that the communication data conforms to the particular protocol" is not the same as the recitation of the address translating unit which "translates, in a Layer 3 region of communication data, a Layer 3 address of the first addressing system into a Layer 3 address of the second addressing system,

or translates, in a Layer 3 region of communication data, a Layer 3 address of the second addressing system into a Layer 3 address of the first addressing system." Therefore, it is submitted that the Examiner must consider all of the claim elements in evaluating patentability, and not just the address translating unit.

**Claim amendments**

Although no amendments to the claims are believed to be necessary, in order to attempt to further clarify the independent claims for the Examiner, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 2 and 46, while claim 25 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 26 and 46. The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone with any questions.

**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, or credit any overpayment of fees, to Deposit Account 50-1417.

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